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SUBJECT: MFA VIEWS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER (CAT)
- RESTRAINT AT SSOD

REF: (A) STATE 87919, (B) WELLINGTON 1760, (C) STATE 84734

1. MFA DIRECTORS OF THE UN AND DEFENSE DIVISION ADVISED
EMBOFF APRIL 11 THAT THE GNZ IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH
THE OUTLINE OF USG POSITIONS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER
(CAT) RESTRAINT. DIRECTORS REMARKED ONLY THAT IT WILL
BE DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE THE THIRD WORLD THAT CAT RESTRAINT
IN THE ABSENCE OF PRODUCTION RESTRAINT, IS NON-DISCRIMINA-
TORY. UN DIRECTOR SAID THE GNZ BELIEVES PROGRESS IN THE
AREA OF CONTROLLING NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD INCREASE MARKEDLY
THE PROSPECTS FOR THIRD WORLD AGREEMENT ON CAT RESTRAINT.
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2. SPEAKING IN A GENERAL WAY OF THE SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT (SSOD), THE GNZ OFFICIALS SAID: (A) THE GNZ
DOES NOT SEE SSOD AS A NEGOTIATING SESSION BUT RATHER AS A
STIMULUS TO FURTHER DISARMAMENT PROGRESS; (B) THE GNZ
CONTINUES TO PLACE "OVERWHELMING PRIORITY" ON PROGRESS IN
THE NUCLEAR AREA AND SPECIFICALLY ON THE COMPREHENSIVE

TEST BAN (CTB); (C) THE GNZ HAS BEEN IN THE PAST A "LITTLE DISAPPOINTED" AT THE RELUCTANCE OF THE USG AND USSR TO PUT FORWARD SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS, BUT IT IS HOPEFUL THAT THE USG WILL BE SHOWING "A LITTLE MORE INNOVATION" AT BOTH THE PREPARATORY SESSION AND SSOD; (D) THE GNZ IS WORKING ON A PROPOSAL FOR REVAMPING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CCD, NOT WITH AN EYE TOWARD ENLARGEMENT OF THE VOTING MEMBERSHIP BUT MORE LIKELY TOWARD A LIMITED ROTATION OF MEMBERSHIP AMONG NON-NUCLEAR BUT "MILITARILY IMPORTANT" STATES.

3. ON A RELATED MATTER, THE UN DIVISION DIRECTOR NOTED THAT THE GNZ'S PERMREP AT UN, MALCOLM TEMPLETON, IS A CANDIDATE FOR RAPPORTEUR OF THE SSOD, AND THE SUPPORT OF THE USG WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. COPIES OF PARAGRAPHS 3 - 6 OF REFTTEL (C) WERE LEFT WITH MFA OFFICIALS AFTER EMBOFF HAD NOTED THE INSTRUCTED CAVEATS OF PARAGRAPH 2. HEALY

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